

## Hi-Colour Mixes

Our '**Hi-Colour**' mixes provide the ideal combination of visually attractive wildflowers that also benefit biodiversity.

Aside from benefits to wildlife these mixes provide a more sustainable planting regime because less management is required compared to typical bedding plant schemes.

Wildflowers are also more resilient to very wet or very dry conditions.

### One Year Hi-Colour mixes

These mixes contain annual species only, are reliable to grow, and provide a high density of colour over a long flowering season. They are available in two variations:

- **Hi-Colour Standard**
- **Hi-Colour Enhanced**

### Flowering information

- Contain a mix of *Corn Poppy*, *Corn Marigold*, *Corn Chamomile*, *Cornflower*, and *Corncockle*.
- Enhanced mix includes in addition cottage garden species such as *Linum* and *Calendula*, etc. It has been specifically designed with urban areas in mind to provide a cost effective alternative to three-season bedding planting. It provides a long growing season of full colour ideally suited to amenity planting schemes in public places.
- Flowering - typically May to October for a period of one year (after autumn sowing).
- Colours include white, blue, yellow, red, orange, purple, and pink.
- Attractive to insects such as bees and butterflies.
- Enhances biodiversity.

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## Perennial Hi-Colour mixes

These mixes last for a minimum of four years and contain a mix of **70% wildflowers** with **30% fine-leaved grasses**.

They provide colourful, cost-effective solutions for larger areas and can be used to create semi-permanent wildflower meadows.

The mixes were designed following research conducted in conjunction with **Greenmount College (CAFRE)**. The composition of the mixes can be adapted to particular soil or site conditions.

They are available in two variations:

- **Hi-Colour Standard**
- **Hi-Colour Enhanced**

## Flowering information

Contain a mix of annuals, biennials, perennials, and appropriate fine-leaved meadow grasses.

- Enhanced mix includes in addition cottage garden biennials and perennials attractive to insects. It is designed for urban areas and includes naturalised species that are attractive to wildlife.
- Flowering – spring through autumn for a minimum of four years.
- Attractive to insects such as bees and butterflies.
- Enhances biodiversity.

## Flowering sequence

**Year 1:** High colour annuals

**Year 2:** Biennials and faster growing perennials such as Oxeye Daisy and Red Campion

**Year 3:** Slower growing perennials such as Scabious species

**Year 4 onwards:** As year 3 but consider introduction of Yellow Rattle if grass is beginning to dominate

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## Yellow Rattle

One challenge with some wildflower areas is that grasses tend to take over after a number of years.

Introducing Yellow Rattle to a site that has been sown with a Perennial Hi-Colour mix can enable a semi-permanent wildflower meadow to establish.

Yellow Rattle is a native plant that parasitises the roots of these grasses – thereby reducing the amount of grass and increasing the populations of wildflowers. It can be added to an existing area by over-sowing in the autumn.

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